

SAFE KIDS Distributes Safety Seats

On Saturday, May 15, the Metro KC SAFE KIDS Task Force, in collaboration with Kansas SAFE KIDS and Johnson County SAFE KIDS, held the Wyandotte County, Kansas Car Seat Education and Distribution Event at the Kansas Speedway. About 50 Child Passenger Safety (CPS) technicians and advocates provided CPS education and installation instruction to over 120 families.

More than 150 seats were distributed to low-income families. The families registered, viewed the "Don't Risk Your Child's Life" Video (English/Spanish), learned and demonstrated their competency using the Children's Mercy Hospital Challenger Demo Seat and then were assigned to one of 12 bays to learn how to install their seats into their own vehicles. Children were presented a State Farm Bear as they left the event.

Parents as Teachers, Project Eagle, Healthy Start and the Wyandotte County Health Department home workers provided the a critical link in communicating with the non-English speaking families and introducing the families to the CPS volunteers. Volunteers were recruited from all over the greater KC area - law enforcement officers from several cities and the KS Highway Patrol, nurses from Children's Mercy Hospital, St. Luke's, Shawnee Mission Medical Center, KU Medical Center, social workers, Fire and EMS. KCKS Kiwanis along with Kansas SAFE KIDS volunteers.

Old recalled and broken seats that were replaced with new seats:



Volunteers and parents pictured with new seats ready to be installed:

